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SUBJECT: CCMS: BELGIAN PLANS ON COASTAL WATER POLLUTION AND AIR
POLLUTION PILOT STUDIES

REF: A. USNATO 2170

B. USNATO 3307

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SUMMARY: MISSION CCMS OFFICER HAS JUST DISCUSSED WITH BELGIAN
GOVERNMENT CCMS COORDINATOR, CAPT. MARC RENSON, THE OUTLOOK
FOR BELGIUM'S COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY AGENDA
ITEMS FOR THE FALL 1975 CCMS PLENARY. RENSON ALSO DESCRIBED
STATUS OF BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON
AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY. DETAILS BELOW. END SUMMARY

1. COASTAL WATER POLLUTION: A. OIL SPILLS - MISSION HAS JUST
LEARNED FROM RENSON THAT BELGIUM EXPECTS TO CIRCULATE FINAL
VERSION OF REVISED OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION AT NATO WITHIN
ABOUT A WEEK FOR ALLIED APPROVAL BY SILENT CONSENT. PRESENT
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VERSION IS VIRTUALLY SAME AS TEXT TABLED AT SPRING 1975 CCMS
PLENARY, INCORPORATING MINOR CHANGES SUGGESTED AT THAT TIME
(REF A). FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF CCMS APPROVAL THIS MONTH AS RESULT
OF SILENT CONSENT PROCEDURE, BELGIAN DELEGATION TO FALL

PLENARY WILL OUTLINE FURTHER PLANS IN THIS CONNECTION. RENSON HOPES OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION CAN THEN BE FORWARDED TO NAC FOR ACTION IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

B. COASTAL WATER POLLUTION FINAL REPORT - RENSON SAID THAT FINAL REPORT ON COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THAT HE HOPES TO HAVE IT READY FOR CIRCULATION AT NATO AND IN CAPITALS SOMEWHAT IN ADVANCE OF PLENARY. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTS THAT FULL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE SUFFICIENTLY AHEAD OF TIME TO ALLOW FOR CCMS APPROVAL AT FALL MEETING, ALTHOUGH PILOT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS THEMSELVES ARE ABOUT READY NOW. RENSON OBSERVED THAT ONE OPTION FOR BELGIUM WOULD BE TO CIRCULATE FULL REPORT IN ANY EVENT, WHEN AVAILABLE, AS ACTION DOCUMENT FOR PLENARY; AT PLENARY ITSELF BELGIUM MIGHT ARRANGE WITH CHAIRMAN TO INVITE ANY DELEGATION WHICH UNABLE TO APPROVE IT AT THAT TIME TO NOTIFY SECRETARIAT OF ITS CONCURRENCE WITHIN TWO-THREE WEEK PERIOD FOLLOWING PLENARY; IF NO OBJECTIONS WERE RECEIVED, DOCUMENT WOULD THEN STAND APPROVED. WE NOTED THAT, AS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NEARLY READY, POSSIBLY MORE SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FULL REMAINING LEAD TIME BEFORE PLENARY AND TO CIRCULATE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ACCOMPANIED BY SUMMARY REPORT, AS ACTION ITEM FOR PLENARY WITH FULL REPORT TO FOLLOW (TO BE NOTED BY CCMS) IN DUE COURSE. RENSON AWARE OF PRECEDENT FOR THIS FROM US-LED AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY; HE IS ALSO CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBILITY AND WILL LET US KNOW. HE AGREES ON IMPORTANCE OF NOT ALLOWING RESULTS OF THIS PILOT STUDY ACTIVITY, EFFECTIVELY WOUND UP AT OSTEND MEETING LAST JUNE (REF B), TO BE HELD OVER WITHOUT CCMS APPROVAL UNTIL NEXT SPRING.

2. AIR POLLUTION: RENSON ASSURED US THAT BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY FOLLOW-UP REPORT SHOULD BE READY WITHIN ABOUT A WEEK. BELGIAN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT CHARGED WITH PREPARING IT HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL BUT NOW BACK ON JOB. RENSON ASKED THAT U.S. AIR POLLUTION FOLLOW-UP COORDINATOR HAMMERLE (EPA) NOT HOLD UP COMPLETION OF CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON ACCOUNT OF BELGIUM'S LATE RESPONSE. MISSION COMMENT: UNCLASSIFIED

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WE WILL SEND BELGIAN SUBMISSION INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL DIRECTLY TO HAMMERLE IN NORTH CAROLINA, WITH COPY TO DEPT., IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS RECEIPT HERE. END COMMENT. ON OTHER CCMS AIR POLLUTION MATTERS, RENSON SAID THAT HERR WEBER, FRG DIRECTOR OF NEW CCMS AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY (OF WHICH U.S. IS CO-PILOT) HAS ASKED RENSON TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF FORTH-COMING EXPERTS MEETING IN FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AT END OF SEPTEMBER. RENSON PLANS TO DO SO. BELGIUM, WHICH HAS NOW FORMALLY JOINED THIS PILOT STUDY, WILL ALSO SEND EXPERTS TO PRECEDING WEEK'S AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY MEETING IN FRANKFURT, ALTHOUGH RENSON UNABLE ATTEND THAT ONE PERSONALLY. BRUCE

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